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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toshimasa KUMAKI, et al.

International Appln. No.: PCT/JP2005/001581

Filed: Concurrently herewith

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For: Fe BASE ALLOY HAVING LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION  
THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 28, 2006

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,  
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the abstract of disclosure are submitted beginning on page 2.**

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**Remarks are submitted beginning on page 9.**